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## School Election Wednesday

The nominations for the board of education have been made and the election will take place on Wednesday next. The Third precinct was the last to come up, the non-partisans nominating W. J. Newman to succeed himself on the board of which he has been an efficient member for a number of years. The full citizens' or non-partisan ticket is as follows:

First precinct—Byron Cummings.

Second—M. J. Cheesman.

Third—W. J. Newman.

Fourth—James T. Hammond.

Fifth—H. P. Henderson.

It looks to us at this time as if the non-partisans would elect their entire ticket. There will be a dirty fight put up by the amerikans party against Byron Cummings in the First precinct, but we think Mr. Cummings will win. He certainly should be elected, in view of his past services on the board if for no other reason. He has been a most efficient member, fair and without prejudice.

Mr. Cheesman ought to carry the Second in the ratio of 2 to 1 and we think he will. The board needs him.

Mr. Newman's election in the Third is a foregone conclusion.

In the Fourth there will be a hard struggle between Mr. Hammond and "Parson" Tibbals, but we rather think the "parson" will come out second best.

In the Fifth, Judge Henderson was nominated by both the non-partisans and the "Americans." Nobody would bet against his election.

### "UNITED REPUBLICANS."

An organization calling itself the "United Republicans of Utah," has been formed. What the object of the organization is and what it expects to accomplish is not clear to us. It does not look as if it was very clear to the promoters either. They have issued a declaration of principles consisting mainly of high sounding and at the same time very hackneyed phrases without any practical meaning. A paragraph from the state constitution regarding religious liberty, liberty of conscience, etc., which nobody quar-

rels with, is quoted as part of the declarations of principles. As far as we can gather the object of the organization is to get the republican party to pledge itself not to nominate for any office any high ecclesiast of any church. This would probably hit Apostle Smoot of the Mormon church and Elder Weir of the Presbyterian church with equal force. As we understand it an elder in the Presbyterian church stands as high as an ecclesiast as an apostle does in the Mormon church. It seems to us un-American, contrary to the spirit and letter of the constitution of the United States to declare that any class of citizens shall not have the right to aspire to any office in the land, and it would be worse than foolish for any political party to commit itself to any such a declaration.

If a churchman of any sect comes before the people for election to any office or before any convention for nomination for any political office, if the people or the convention don't want him let them turn him down and do it decisively, "good and plenty" as the boys say. Nothing practical can ever be accomplished in the way that appears to be outlined by the so-called "United Republicans." The movement if we mistake not will "die a-borning."

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### CHURCHES IN POLITICS.

Editor Truth:

The Rev. William T. Brown, field secretary of the American Unitarian societies, made the following statement in the Unitarian church last Sunday morning:

"There is no city in this country which has a larger proportion of churches or a larger percentage of professedly religious people than Philadelphia—no city where the claims of religion as voiced by the churches are more widely allowed, none where so-called infidelity or atheism is less in evidence. But a political investigation, initiated not at all

by the church nor in the name of religion, has disclosed the fact that for long-continued political corruption, for complacent robbery and graft, for rotten civic politics, Philadelphia bears off the palm from every known competitor. Not one-half—not one-tenth—of its story of iniquity was laid bare in that investigation—there wasn't enough moral virtue even in the reform forces to plunge the probe to the very bottom of its noisome sore—and yet, the existence of that corruption has been known for years and years by its smug church members. And the custom of counting a hundred thousand votes having no existence has been followed and approved by men who attend and support Christian churches—and I dare to say that few of them ever heard a word from those pulpits which could possibly disturb their calloused consciences.

"In other words, the religion of Philadelphia—of the people of that city—of its churches and ministers—has been, up to date, as impotent to affect, much less correct, the moral rottenness of its politics or its business, as its drinking water, taken from the unspeakably Schuylkill river, has failed to check the ravages of Philadelphia's periodic plague—typhoid fever. It was in that city, you remember, that the ministers came together a few years ago and prayed the Almighty to arrest the typhoid epidemic then claiming its terrible toll there, while at the same time the people continued to get their drinking water from the same stream into which not only the sewers of that city, but the sewers of several others empty."

Having spent the greater portion of this year in Philadelphia, I will say that the above statement is too true, and the great reason for the corrupt state of affairs in Philadelphia is the fact that there are too many churches there to be kept up and too many preachers to be supported, and they have to resort to politics, slander and graft to raise the money; and, further, they are attending to everybody's business but their own. There are five active anti-Utah and anti-Mormon societies in Philadelphia, the Mothers' congress, the Confederation of Woman's clubs, the Methodist Church Extension society, the Baptist and the Presbyterian Home Missionary societies. All of these societies, aided and abetted by the Ministerial Association of Salt Lake City, are advertising

Utah in a false and debasing light. For instance, the Mothers' congress, of which the notorious slanderer, Mrs. Frederick Schoff, is president, assisted by Tom Kearns, Frank Cannon and Fred T. Dubois, (who are allies of the Salt Lake Ministerial association), to injure Utah, passed a resolution last winter that they would not patronize any railroad passing through Utah in going to their convention at Los Angeles, on account of the Mormons. This resolution, of course, pleased Cannon, Kearns, Dubois and the Ministerial association, because it would injure the railroads, the hotels and the business interests of Utah. The Presbyterian board of home missions, instead of trying to save the lives of thousands of little children who are being slaughtered every year in Philadelphia because they are obliged to drink the sewerage from the Schuylkill river, are selling over fifteen kinds of most false, scurrilous, damaging and misleading tracts against Utah that the fiendish and depraved minds of their authors could conceive. Instead of trying to save their own little innocents from the deadly scourge of typhoid fever, diphtheria and cholera morbus, they will rush out to Utah, 2300 miles from home, and pretend to reform a people who are 100 per cent better morally, physically and intellectually than those who represent the Methodist, Baptist, or the Presbyterian churches of Philadelphia. I do not speak at random when I make the above statement.

There are now in the Philadelphia medical colleges twenty-four Mormon students from Utah, and not one of those twenty-four students uses tobacco or intoxicating liquors, carouses or chases "fairies" at night. They are punctual at the lectures and all stand at the head of their classes. The Mormon students in the Philadelphia medical schools outrank morally and intellectually by a large percentage the Methodist, Presbyterian, and the Baptist students, in those colleges. The same condition prevails at Harvard, Yale, John Hopkins, the Physicians and Surgeons', Columbia, George Washington, Ann Arbor, University of Chicago and all other schools of higher learning, and I chal-

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